

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-36 and 40-63 are pending in the application and are rejected.

Claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 19, 23-25, 29, 34, 35, 40, 43, 44, 46, 50-52, 57, 58, 62 and 63 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manico ('692) in view of Shiota.

Claims 2-6, 14-18, 26-28, 30, 36, 41-45 and 53-56 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manico in view of Shiota as applied to claims above, and further in view of Manico et al. ('870).

Claims 8, 20, 31 and 59 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manico ('692) in view of Shiota as applied to claims above, and further in view of Werner.

Claims 9, 10, 21, 22, 32, 33, 48, 49, 60 and 61 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manico ('692) in view of Shiota as applied to claims above, and further in view of Combs.

Applicant would first like to thank the Examiner for the phone interview granted on January 30, 2008. During this interview Applicant's attorney discussed the present invention and its distinguishing features and how it differs from the cited prior art. No agreement was reached during the phone interview. Applicant's representative mentioned that he would provide the enclosed album leaf that is representative of the present invention. This has been provided in the hopes of providing a clearer understanding of the present invention.

As can be seen from the enclosed album leaf there are a plurality of images provided on the album leaf wherein the images are integrally formed as are the icons provided thereon. As discussed in the background of the present invention, album leafs may contain a number of images that originate from a plurality of different sources however, it is difficult to relate the images to where they originated. Applicant has provided a way for not only identifying the source from which the images have been provided and have provided a means whereby the identification of the various different sources can be readily and quickly apparent from the unique icon provided on the album page. In particular, the icon

is specifically designed to provide a physical format wherein the individual images on the page can be quickly identified with the source of the image. This is done without any detracting from the actual images. As can be seen, the icons are physically formatted for identifying specific images provided on each side of the album leaf. The icons include a source ID but in addition can provide other information such as the actual format of the original image and the location of the image on the originating source. However, another important aspect of the present invention is that the icons are provided in the margin area and are unobtrusive to the full enjoyment and viewing of the actual images.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 19, 23-25, 29, 34, 35, 40, 43, 44, 46, 50-52, 57, 58, 62 and 63 as being unpatentable over Manico ('692) in view of Shiota. With regard to the Manico et al this is nothing more than a prior art album leaf to which the present invention is designed to improve. In particular, the album leaf of the '692 is simply an album leaf without any information or ability to provide any information regarding the source of the images.

With regard to Shiota, what is disclosed therein is simply a roll of photographic paper that exits a photographic printer wherein a plurality of images which are later to be cut into individual prints are provided along with an index print which identifies all of the images that were provided on the original roll of photographic film. In Shiota, all of these images are eventually cut into individual prints and are separated. Thus, the index print would be provided however, the index print merely discloses all of the images provided thereon. The numerals provided on the index print merely identify the location where the original images are provided on the film strip.

The independent claims as amended further set forth that the icons are provided in the margin. The Shiota reference does not have a margin area but instead has numerals written directly on each of the individual thumb nail images. As previously stated, the icons are provided in the margin area to provide an improved album leaf wherein the distraction of providing this information is not provided adjacent to or on the image. Thus, the album leaf of the present invention has a distinct margin area wherein the icons are provided. Since the icons are provided in the margin area, it is necessary to identify which of the images the source is located. Since Shiota provides the data directly on the

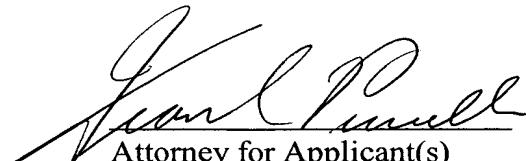
image, there is no need to provide the function of the icon according to the present invention, ie identifying which of the plurality images the unique ID is associated.

Applicant respectfully submits that the icons of the present invention are not simply printed matter but have a functional relationship to the album leaf and has a physical format that provides a second additional function. That is, the album leaf is divided specifically into having an image area and a margin area where the icon is located. Further the icon has a physical format that is designed for identifying which of the images is associated with the unique ID. Thus the icons do indeed provide a functional relationship with the images, ie it allows the ability to determine which of the particular images is associated with that icon and therefore is not simply printed matter as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Manico nor Shiota teach or suggest the invention as currently set forth.

The Examiner has rejected a number of dependent claims under 35 USC 135(a) as being unpatentable over Manico in view of Shiota as applied above and further of Manico '870 for reasons set forth therein. What is disclosed in Manico is simply an index sheet that has additional information thereon. The Manico '870 fails to teach or suggest an icon as taught and claimed by Applicant. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Manico does not add anything which would render the independent claims obvious.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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Enclosure (Album Leaf)